

SENATE BILL 3206

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-702(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Any person holding a position that requires a teacher's license shall be granted leave for military service, legislative service, maternity, adoption, recuperation of health or visitation of a spouse, child, parent, or sibling deployed for military duty out of the country who has been granted rest and recuperation leave and may be granted leave for educational improvements or other sufficient reason without forfeiture of accumulated leave credits, tenure status or other fringe benefits. Local boards of education may compensate teachers the difference between their regular pay and their military pay while engaged in military service. Nothing in this subsection (a) shall be construed to affect any rights granted public employees under title 8, chapter 33.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-704, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) All leaves, except military leave, shall be from a date certain to a date certain; however, any leave may be extended to a later specified date upon written request from the teacher.

(b) The procedure for extending a leave and the conditions under which a leave may be extended are the same as those used when originally requesting and granting the leave.

(c) Military leave shall be granted for whatever period may be required.

(d) Leave to hold legislative office shall be granted for whatever period may be required, provided that such leave comply with the provisions of § 49-5-713.

(e) Leave to visit a spouse, child, parent, or sibling deployed for military duty out of the country, who has been granted rest and recuperation leave, shall be granted for no longer than ten (10) days.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.